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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE SECRETARY

REF: PRETORIA 3933

1. APPRECIATE PROBLEM AND APOLOGIZE FOR MAKING THE SITUATION MORE AWKWARD THAN NECESSARY.

2. BECAUSE OF HEAVY AIRLINE BOOKINGS SECRET SERVICE HAD INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEM GETTING AGENTS INTO PRETORIA AS A CONTINGENCY FOR ADVANCE PREPARATIONS.

3. AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO CONTACT ANY SAG OFFICIALS YOU CONSIDER ESSENTIAL TO FACILITATE PRE-ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SECRET SERVICE.

4. PLEASE DO NOT REPEAT NOT EXPLORE HOTEL SITUATION IF IT
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INVOLVES MEETINGS WITH HOTEL MANAGEMENT. WE WILL GIVE YOU

THE GREEN LIGHT ON THIS ITEM AS SOON AS WE CAN.

5. IN ALL DISCUSSIONS, OF COURSE, THE OPPORTUNITY SHOULD
NOT BE LOST TO EMPHASIZE REPEATEDLY THE FACT THAT THE
VISIT IS STILL AN UNCERTAINTY AND ALL PLANNING IS
CONDITIONAL. KISSINGER

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